



BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

with Belfast Cathedral Choir

and featuring the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir

Sunday 21st November 2021

11.00am

The Sunday before Advent: The Kingship of Christ
(‘Stir Up Sunday’)

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Face coverings **must be worn** when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns. We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings throughout the service. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens. Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping Contact Tracing Records it is essential that you complete the following information. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed. Thank you.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 1m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread.

Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service
Due to Child Protection Regulations no photographing of the choristers whatsoever is permitted

Organ Prelude: Chorale Prelude on 'Vulpius' Healey Willan (1880-1968)



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 86***:



**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name;
with the same faith his word proclaim.**

**Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.**

**So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.**

Words: G.K.A. Bell (1883-1958)

Tune: VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT) Melody from Melchior Vulpius' Gesangbuch (Jena, 1609)

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

From that time, Jesus began to proclaim "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" *Matthew 4:17*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Please kneel or sit in silence

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand whilst the choir sings the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:***

Glory be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Setting: Truro Eucharist, David Briggs (b.1962)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 93:**

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel:

the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure:

that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared:

thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice:

the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly:

but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure:

holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Tone V

Please remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA:**



Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David: Hosanna in the highest heaven. *Mark 11:10*

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: John 18:33-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.



Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON by Mrs Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

Please stand and face east to say the **NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please kneel or sit

Let us pray to the Lord for the peace and power of the Kingdom of God.

Holy Father, inspire and strengthen the Church to work for the coming of your Kingdom. Keep her ministers faithful in teaching the word of their Master and King.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on the world where people seek to resolve their differences by anger and aggression. Guide the leaders of the nations to follow the way of peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In our times of work and our times of rest, help us always to live as servants of Christ the King. May his loving power prevail in our families and among all who live in the communities that we inhabit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who have been betrayed and abandoned by those they trusted. Comfort and save those who are falsely accused, and stand alone before the powerful who have no pity.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in our cathedral community who are struggling with ill health, anxiety for family members and living with bereavement, asking your blessing upon each one. We pray at this time of deep grief for the family of the Venerable Jack Patterson, former Rector of Ballintoy and Archdeacon of Dalriada, as they have committed him to God's eternal keeping.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the departed who are no longer subject to the kingdoms of this world. Grant us grace to follow their example and come in our time to share the light and peace in the Kingdom of Heaven where Christ reigns in eternal glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask that you stand with all whose lives have been touched by personal experience of Covid-19, especially those suffering at present and those who have lost loved ones. Bless all who work in healthcare, the fields of research and vaccination, and those with leadership responsibilities in these challenging times.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

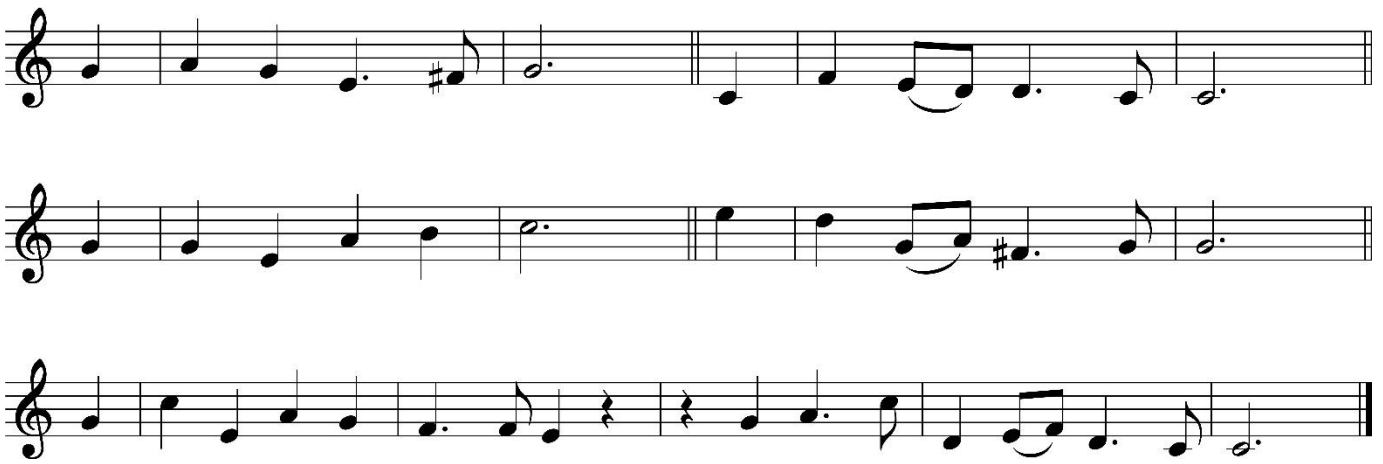
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THE PEACE

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love on another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. *John 13:34*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 281***:



**Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice! Again I say: Rejoice!*

**His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:**

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:**

**Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.**

***We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!***

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) based on Philippians 4:4
Tune: GOPSAL, G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

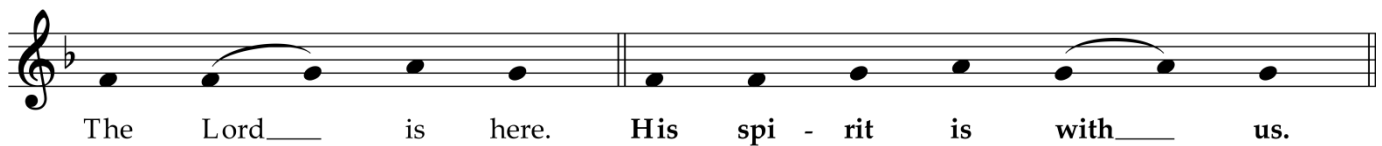


Please remain standing

Blessed be God, who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms. May we feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings the **SANCTUS:**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Truro Eucharist, David Briggs (b.1962)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please kneel or sit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER is sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir to a setting specially composed by its composer in residence Gary Davison (b.1961):

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI**:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Setting: Truro Eucharist, David Briggs (b.1962)

THE COMMUNION

Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service.

Organ music: Chorale (from Six Short Pieces for Organ) *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

*During communion Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir sings the **ANTHEM:***

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.

*Thus Angels' Bread is made
the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven
with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.*

Te trina Deitas
unaque poscimus:
Sic nos tu visita,
sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas
duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.
Amen.

*Thee, therefore, we implore,
o Godhead, One in Three,
so may Thou visit us
as we now worship Thee;
and lead us on Thy way,
That we at last may see
the light wherein Thou dwellest aye.
Amen.*

*Words: Penultimate stanza of the hymn "Sacris solemniis" written by Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)
for the Feast of Corpus Christi
Setting: César Franck (1822-90)*

THE GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.



GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

*Please stand to sing **HYMN 259***:*



**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:**

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name!*

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

*Words: Michael Seward (1932-2015)
Tune: GUITING POWER, John Barnard (b. 1948)*

THE BLESSING

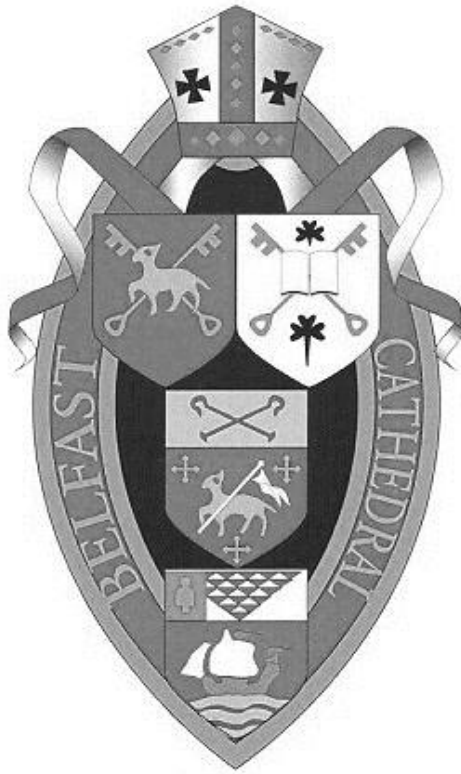
Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude: Litanies Jehan Alain (1911-40)

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Thank you.*



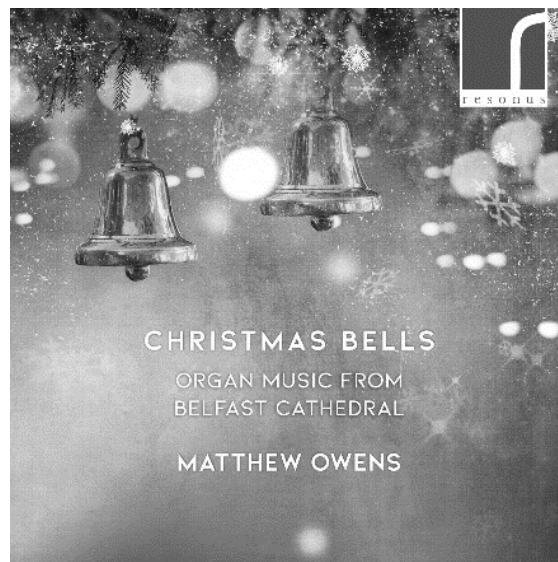
The Insignia of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast, which shows the crests of the United Dioceses of Down and Dromore, the crest of the Diocese of Connor and the crest of the City of Belfast

Musical Purchases for Christmas 2021!

Belfast Cathedral Choir has released their CD **A Belfast Christmas**, a varied programme of familiar seasonal carols and fresh festive offerings from composers including John Rutter, Philip Stopford, Philip Wilby, Philip Ledger and Bob Chilcott.

A second CD is **Christmas Bells**, featuring Organ Music from Belfast Cathedral, with Matthew Owens.

Both CDs will be available to purchase following this service, or through the week from the Cathedral Shop. £12 each or 2 for £20.





NOTICES



Please join us at 3.30pm this afternoon for Choral Evensong:
Preces and Responses: Rose
Psalm 93: Atwood
Canticles Setting: Evening Service 'Collegium Royale' Wood
Anthem: Lift up your heads (from Messiah) Handel

Services this week:
Wednesday & Thursday 1.00-1.15pm Afternoon Prayer
Friday 1.00-2.00pm The Church's Ministry of Healing Service

Sunday 28th November 2021: The First Sunday of Advent
11.00am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: The Dean's Vicar

3.30pm Instead of Choral Evensong

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

A service of readings, traditional congregational carols and music for Advent.
The congregation is requested to be seated **by 5.50pm**

**Please remember to make your
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as you leave the cathedral this morning or via Online Banking:**

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